

Elmdale School Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday May 11/17

In Attendance: Jackie K, Tess, Laurena, Joshelyn, Janet, Meg, Jacqui P, Colin, Darlene, Kelly

Regrets: Anne

PAC Chair Laurena called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Welcome, Minutes from April 13, 2017 approved

Elmdale Report:

- Important Dates:
- May 18 - Grade 5 orientation at CMS & SMS
- May 22 - Victoria Day (No Classes)
- May 26 - Run, Jump, & Throw Grades 1-4 (Canadian Theme to celebrate Canada's Birthday)
- June 2 - Volunteer Appreciation Event
- June 28 - Family Picnic & Activity Day
- June 29,30 - Admin Day & Final Report Issued (No Classes)

Building, Grounds and Community:

- Bus stop Ellice and Lund will be split into two bus stops for September 2017

In School:

- Updated logo - PAC was happy with the updated logo
- 3/4 Multi Age letter will go home May 15th. Any classes placement request with educational reasons are due May 31 in writing to Mr Campbell.
- Change the date from May 25 to Friday May 26. Red and white Canadian Run Jump Throw theme. Sticky will go home to parents. PAC voted in favour of providing freezies for all grades 1-4. Each classroom represents a province, top 5 provinces will get a box of freezies. Grades 1 and 2 start at 1pm, grades 3 and 4 start at 2:15pm. Grade 4's will be leading the stations.

- Coffee with the principle - a voice from the parents, Colin asked for advice from PAC regarding when this should be done day/evening or rotate.
- School supplies - As a staff we will proceed with asking parents to pay a \$30 materials fee and the teachers will pick up supplies for their class. Material may include but are not limited to coloring materials, glue sticks, scribblers, pencils, markers, etc. Students will arrive at school with indoor shoes, backpack, lunch kit, and a tissue box. For grade 3 and 4, families will also need to provide a recorder. They will commit to this for three years and then relook at it.

Student leaving Elmdale before Oct 31 will refund, leaving between Oct 31 & Dec 31 \$20 refund. After Jan 1, fee will be refunded on request.

Students arriving to Elmdale before Oct 31 will be asked to pay a fee of \$30. Between Oct 31 & Dec 31 \$20 will be asked. After Jan 1 new students simply bring there current supplies from previuos school.

- Recent news in media reagrding Elmdale. From your perspective did Colin's communication meet your needs as a parent? Parents were very happy with how this situation was handled by the school.

Reports from PAC Executives:

- Treasurer (Joshelyn) - monthly update with account balance provided, if needed please ask Joshelyn for report.
- PAC liason meeting update (Tess) - Tess and Jackie were at this meeting and asked the questions we talked about at the last PAC meeting. The bus situation on Ellice has been taken care of and will be spilt into two bus stops. Regarding class size it seems the division has no plan as of yet and will not be continuing with the K320 plan.
- Subway has been booked and confirmed with Anil for the family picnic day.

Unfinished Business for Decicion and Action:

- Fundraising letters will be created next month. We as a PAC decided to do two fundraisers - cookies and a gift card fundraiser with a few different businesses and continue with corporate letter fundraiser, Cookie fundraiser forms will go out in the middle of September.
- Talked a little about what we are fundraising for next year a few things - tshirts, Artist in the school, popcorn, juice. More decisions will be made on this.

New Business for Referral:

- PAC has decided to go out to Chinos for our last meeting of the year.
- Would PAC like to consider an alternative idea to a playground expansion maybe a natural playground. Having all day kindergarten will affect our playground usage and

space. How can we create more play for all the kids? Colin introduced the idea of a loose parts playground - PAC really liked the idea. We could section off a peice of the playground for this and we would need a shed to store the loose parts. We will still get a free standing piece of equipment to add to the existing structure to own the part we said we would do.

- There is a concern from our parents with our grade fours being ready for grade five. Our children are being put into a grade they are not mentally prepared for. How can we change this so they are maybe more prepared and have an easier transition into grade five. Laurena shared parents concerns. There is a definite need for more actual visits to the middle school. Colin will think more about this.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:

June 8, 2017 @ 7:00pm at Chinos